

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, April 21, 1998
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Ocotillo Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Patrick McDermott, Chandler, Chairman	Steve Hancock, Mesa
Mark Mansfield, ADOT	Tracy Stevens, Peoria
*Mario Mangiamele, Gilbert	*John Siefert, Phoenix
*Susan Bookspan, Glendale	Randi Alcott for Maureen Mageau-DeCindis,
*Larry Martinez, Goodyear	RPTA
Mike Cartsonis, Litchfield Park	Amy MacAulay, Scottsdale
Aaron Iverson, Maricopa County	Eric Iwersen, Tempe

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dawn Coomer, MAG	John Farry, MAG
William "Blue" Crowley, Citizen	

1. Call to Order

Chairman Pat McDermott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the March 17, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Steve Hancock moved to approve the meeting minutes, Eric Iwersen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

Pat McDermott recognized Blue Crowley to address the Task Force. Mr. Crowley mentioned the problem of bicycles crossing I-17 at the Grand Canal. He noted that a bridge was unnecessary and a tunnel was preferred. He added that another bicycle facility near Grand was dangerous. He noted that bike lanes are needed on all arterials and ½ mile streets, and that CMAQ funds should be used for bike projects. He stated that more coordination was needed between the MAG bike and pedestrian committees. He asked how bicycles would be accommodated on Grand Avenue with the MIS, and said there was a need to reach out to the bike community regionally.

4. Status Report on FY 1998, 1999 and 2000 Federally Funded Bicycle Projects

Dawn Coomer addressed the Task Force and distributed an updated version of Attachment One. Steve Hancock provided an update of the Mesa project, and Amy MacAulay noted that the Scottsdale project in FY 2000 would be funded locally rather than with federal funds.

5. Design of Bicycle Projects

John Farry addressed the Task Force and provided background on this agenda item. He noted that ISTEA reauthorization may include extra funding for unobligated projects for design. Steve Hancock asked if design money would be available this year or next year. John responded that since the first two years of the TIP are fiscally constrained, additional funding apportioned before the end of the year may be used for design. Steve noted that design funds are needed so that projects can be "shelf ready." Having projects designed would allow for the advancement of bicycle projects from outer years of the TIP. Randi Alcott asked about the potential of additional funding available from ISTEA. Pat McDermott asked if design was federally funded at 100%, and John responded that it would be funded as were other CMAQ projects (less than 100%). Steve moved that MAG staff monitor the status of increased funding so that funds, once available, could be used to design projects programmed in outer years of the TIP. Randi seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Blue added that bike lanes should be included on all road expansions.

6. Goals and Objectives for the Bicycle Plan Update

Dawn Coomer addressed the Task Force, emphasizing the need to refine the goals and objectives to continue with the plan update process. Steve Hancock said that he would be willing to update the goals and objectives for the committee, and have them ready for the next meeting. Dawn then distributed the adopted goals and objectives. The committee continued by discussing the adopted goals and objectives, and Steve made note of the changes as discussed by the committee.

7. Congestion Management Scoring System

John Farry addressed the committee, noting that the TRC is presently evaluating the project selection process. He suggested that the committee might want to meet in a smaller group to discuss issues associated with the Congestion Management Scoring System and the Task Force Project Rating System. Several people were interested in serving on the sub-committee: Steve Hancock, Amy MacAulay, Aaron Iverson and Eric Iwersen. Eric suggested that Maureen Mageau-DeCindis serve on the committee as well. Steve Hancock agreed to coordinate a meeting time and place for the sub-committee meeting. The results of the sub-committee will be discussed at the next Task Force meeting.

8. Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 19, 1998 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.